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1. In early November 1952 the Ministry of Social Security (MSS) was reorganized as the Department of Security under the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA).¹ PAK Il-u (2613/0001/0645)² resigned as the Minister of Internal Affairs and was succeeded by PANG Hak-se (2455/1331/0013), the former head of the MSS.
2. In November the reorganized MIA was composed of the following three departments:
 - a. Political Department, which had charge of political administrative matters.
 - b. Peace Preservation Department, which was in charge of police administration.
 - c. Security Department, which was formerly the MSS. The head of this department was CH'OE P'ung-yol (1508/7364/3525), who was the chief of the education office of the MIA before the reorganization.
3. Although the MSS was an independent organization which had no direct connection with the MIA since the spring of 1951, both were interested in intelligence matters and there was overlapping and duplication of effort. At the lower echelons especially, there was confusion over lines of authority. The employees of both ministries wore the same uniform and before the MSS became the Department of Security many of the employees of the MSS and the MIA worked together in the MIA. This led to many petty feuds and jealousies.

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1. Comment. According to another report from the same source, the MSS was abolished in September and October 1952 and its activities were placed under the MIA.

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[redacted] Comment. [redacted]
[redacted] the MSS was still an independent organization as of November 1952. Also, [redacted] reports the MSS operating in 8 December 1952.

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2. [redacted] Comment. According to another source, PAK was given a military command at the front.

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[redacted] Comment. As of November 1952, PAK Il-u was a member of the Military Committee which is part of the Joint Council Labor Party for the Armed Forces, and also the head of the MIA, a [redacted]

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